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## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

- 1. -5. (canceled)
- (currently amended) A construction machine comprising:
- a first boom component, <u>having a first end</u> rotatably <u>connected</u> <del>mounted</del> to a frame of the machine;
- a second boom component, articulated to the second end of the [[a]] first boom component by a bearing,

the bearing having a bearing tube having an internal and external diameter; a pin of constant external diameter extending in the direction of a swiveling axis of the bearing and borne in the [[a]] bearing tube, wherein the pin has having outer ends protruding from the ends of the bearing tube; a third component borne on at least one outer end of the pin,

the external diameter of the bearing tube is greater than the external diameter of the pin; and

the first component and the second component are <u>both</u> borne-alongside each other on the external diameter of the bearing tube, the third component transmits a force to the pin and is rotatable with respect to the pin and the first and second boom components.

7. (original) The construction machine of claim 6, further comprising: a first set of bearing points on the first boom component located in contact with the middle of the bearing tube; a second set of bearing points of the second boom component located immediately outside of adjacent to the bearing points of the first boom Appl. No. 10/561,755 Amdt. dated January 21, 2009

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component, wherein the bearing points of both the first and second boom component can slide on the external diameter of the bearing tube.

- 8 (original) The construction machine of claim 7 wherein, the bearing points of the first and second components are fitted with guide bushings.
- (original) The construction machine of claim 6 wherein, the second boom component is inserted over the first boom component.
- (onginal) The construction machine of claim 6 wherein, the third component is an adjustment cylinder.
- 11. (original) The construction machine of claim 6, wherein an external diameter of a mid-section of the pin is less than an external diameter at either end of the pin.
- 12. (original) The construction machine of claim 6, wherein a ring having a locking connector is inserted over both ends of the pin and maintains the axial alignment of the components located therebetween.